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Inventors: Merrifield et al.
Entitled: INSTRUMENT PANEL WITH INTEGRAL DOOR COVER AND
METHOD OF MANUFACTURE THEREOF
Attorney Docket No: DP-310488

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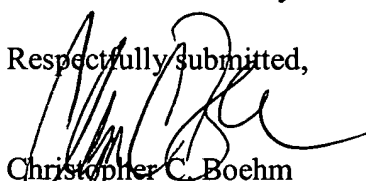
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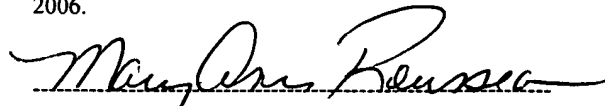
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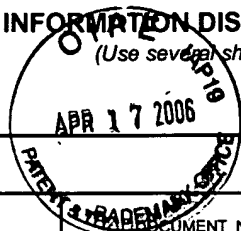
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		5,421,608	06/06/1995	Parker et al.	280	728.3	02/25/1994
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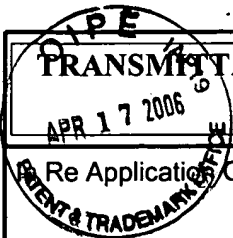
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